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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 to 17 and add new claims 18 and 19 as indicated in the Listing of Claims:

Listing of Claims

1 1. (Currently amended) A cylinder washing machine
2 frictional damper, ~~especially for cylinder washing machines with~~
3 ~~spin cycle,~~ having a housing (2) and a movable plunger (4) which
4 is arranged in the housing (2) parallel to the housing
5 longitudinal axis, ~~is led~~ which projects out of the housing (2)
6 ~~and is provided with at least one window (6) at its end located~~
7 ~~in the housing (2),~~ wherein the improvement comprises a
8 frictional damper having a window (6) and at least one mounting
9 part (7), movable longitudinally relative to the moveable plunger
10 (4), for mounting ~~a friction lining (8, 9) and~~ at least one
11 amplitude-dependent impact element (15, 16, 32, 33) having a
12 friction lining (8,9) for braking the movement of the mounting

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13 part (7) ~~being provided in the window (6), characterized in that~~
14 wherein the at least one amplitude - dependent impact element
15 (15, 16, 32, 33) is arranged between an inner surface (20, 21) of
16 the window (6) and an outer surface (18, 19) of the mounting part
17 (7).

1 2. (Currently amended) The frictional damper as claimed
2 in claim 1, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein an inner surface
3 (20, 21) of the window (6) and ~~the~~ an outer surface (18, 19) of
4 the mounting part (7) are oriented essentially transversely to
5 the housing longitudinal axis.

1 3. (Currently amended) The frictional damper as claimed
2 in ~~either of the preceding claims, characterized in that the~~ in
3 claim 1 or 2 wherein a inner surface (20, 21) of the window (6)
4 and/or ~~the~~ an outer surface (18, 19) of the mounting part (7)
5 corresponds essentially to the cross-sectional area of the

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6 mounting part (7).

1 4. (Currently amended) The frictional damper as claimed
2 ~~in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that claim 1~~
3 ~~wherein the friction lining (8, 9, 28, 29) and the impact element~~
4 ~~(15, 16, 32, 33) are arranged in an at least partly a overlapping~~
5 ~~manner transversely to the housing longitudinal axis.~~

1 5. (Currently amended) The frictional damper as claimed
2 ~~in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that an claim 1~~
3 ~~wherein the impact element (15, 16, 32, 33) ~~extending essentially~~~~
4 ~~substantially extends over the entire amplitude ~~is provided.~~~~

1 6. (Currently amended) The frictional damper as claimed
2 ~~in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that claim 1~~

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3 wherein the dependency of the impact element (15, 16, 32, 33) on
4 the amplitude is disproportionate and constant.

1 7. (Currently amended) The frictional damper as claimed
2 ~~in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that claim 1~~
3 wherein the geometrical form of the impact element (15, 16, 32,
4 33) is adapted to the desired dependency on the amplitude.

1 8. (Currently amended) The frictional damper as claimed
2 ~~in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that claim 1~~
3 wherein the impact element (15, 16, 32, 33) has at least one
4 region (17, 34) narrowing in the direction of the housing
5 longitudinal axis.

1 9. (Currently amended) The frictional damper as claimed

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2 ~~in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the claim 1~~
3 ~~wherein a region (17, 34) of the impact element (15, 16, 32, 33)~~
4 has a trapezoidal shape or a triangular shape.

1 10. (Currently amended) The frictional damper as claimed
2 ~~in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that claim 1~~
3 ~~wherein at least approximately planar friction surfaces (10, 11)~~
4 are provided in the housing (2).

1 11. (Currently amended) The frictional damper as claimed
2 ~~in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that at least~~
3 ~~the claim 1 wherein the at least one amplitude-dependent impact~~
4 element (15, 16, 32, 33) is made essentially of an elastomer
5 ~~and/or~~ of a foamed plastic and/or of a rubber material.

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1 12. (Currently amended) The frictional damper as claimed
2 in ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that at least~~
3 ~~one~~ claim 1 wherein the friction lining (33) ~~comprises~~ forms the
4 amplitude-dependent impact element (32, 33).

1 13. (Currently amended) The friction ~~linings~~ damper as
2 claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~
3 claim 12 wherein at least two friction linings (8, 9, 28, 29) are
4 arranged on opposite sides of the plunger (4).

1 14. (Currently amended) The friction ~~linings~~ damper as
2 claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~
3 claim 13 wherein the mounting part (7), for guidance on the
4 plunger (4), has at least one guide surface (12) in the
5 peripheral direction and transversely to the housing longitudinal
6 axis between at least two friction linings (8, 9, 28, 29).

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1 15. (Currently amended) The friction ~~linings~~ damper as
2 claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that of~~
3 claim 1 wherein a clearance is provided between ~~the~~ a guide
4 surface (12) of the mounting part (7) and a guide surface ~~(12)~~ of
5 the plunger.

1 16. (Currently amended) The frictional damper as claimed
2 in ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that claim 1~~
3 wherein a plurality of amplitude - dependent impact elements are
4 arranged next to one another transversely to the housing
5 longitudinal axis are provided.

1 17. (Currently amended) A cylinder washing machine,
2 ~~characterized in that the cylinder is fastened in the chassis~~
3 ~~with having~~ a frictional damper ~~as claimed in one of the~~
4 ~~preceding claims~~ with at least one amplitude - dependent impact
5 element fastened in a chassis of a cylinder washing machine.

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1 18. (New) A frictional damper for a cylinder washing
2 machine comprising:
3 (a) a housing having a fastening lug disposed on one end;
4 (b) a plunger slidably disposed in said housing having a
5 fastening lug disposed on one end;
6 (c) a window or aperture disposed at the other end of said
7 plunger;
8 (d) a slide or mounting part disposed in said window or
9 aperture; and
10 (e) at least one amplitude - dependent impact element for
11 braking the movement of the slide or mounting part.

1 19. (New) The friction damper of claim 18 further
2 comprising two friction linings disposed on said mounting part
3 with a friction grip.